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Office Action Summary

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Period for Reply

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- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 18 December 2001.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-36 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 7-14 and 20-36 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1- 6 and 15-19 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 13) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application) since a specific reference was included in the first sentence of the specification or in an Application Data Sheet. 37 CFR 1.78.
- a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121 since a specific reference was included in the first sentence of the specification or in an Application Data Sheet. 37 CFR 1.78.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) 2.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other:

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

1. **Claims 1-3, 5, 6 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Kimura (6225750 B1).**
2. **As in claim 1, Kimura teaches of a light emitting device comprising a plurality of pixels, figure 7 item 11, each of the plurality of pixels having a plurality of sub-pixels, figure 7 item 18111, 18211, 18221; each of the plurality of sub-pixels having a light emitting element, figure 7 item 18111, 18211, 18221; and each of the plurality of sub-pixels having a same area of effective light emission, figure 7 item 18111, 18211, 18221, column 4 lines 15-25.**
3. **As in claim 2, Kimura teaches of a light emitting device, figure 7, comprising: a plurality of pixels, figure 7 item 11; each of the plurality of pixels having a plurality of**

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subpixels, **figure 7 item 18111, 18211, 18221**; each of the plurality of subpixels having a light emitting element and a thin film transistor, **figure 7 item 18111, 18211, 18221, 161, 162, 171, 172**; wherein a current flowing in the light emitting element is controlled by the thin film transistor, **figure 7 items 171, 172**; and each of the plurality of subpixels having the same area of effective light emission, **figure 7 item 18111, 18211, 18221**.

As in claim 3, Kimura teaches wherein the thin film transistor in each of the plurality of subpixels has a same polarity, figure 7 items 171, 172.

4. **As in claim 5, Kimura teaches** of a method of operating a light emitting device, said light emitting device comprising: a plurality of pixels, **figure 7 item 11**; each of the plurality of pixels having, a plurality of subpixels, **figure 7 item 18111, 18211, 18221**; each of the plurality of subpixels having a light emitting element, **figure 7 item 18111, 18211, 18221**; each of the plurality of sub-pixels having a same area of effective light emission, **figure 7 item 18111, 18211, 18221**, said method comprising the steps of: controlling a period of time in which the light emitting element emits a light in each of the plurality of sub-pixels by a digital video signal to thereby control a gradation of the respective pixels, **column 1 lines 33-48, column 4 lines 15-25**.

5. **As in claim 6, Kimura teaches** of a teaches of a method of operating a light emitting device, **figure 7**, said light emitting device comprising: a plurality of pixels, **figure 7 item 11**; each of the plurality of pixels having a plurality of sub-pixels, each of the plurality of sub-pixels having a light emitting element, **figure 7 item 18111, 18211,**

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18221; each of the plurality of sub-pixels having a same area of effective light emission, **figure 7 item 18111, 18211, 18221**, said method comprising the steps of having a plurality of sub-frame periods in one frame period in the plurality of subpixels, **figure 4, column 1 lines 33-48**; selecting whether or not light emitting element in each of the plurality of sub-pixels emits a light for each of the plurality of sub-frame periods by each of bits of digital video signals, wherein the larger of the sum of lengths of sub-frame periods in which the light emitting element in each of the plurality of sub-pixels emits a light becomes, the higher a gradation number of the respective pixels becomes, **figure 4, column 1 lines 33-48, column 4 lines 15-25**.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

6. Claims 4 and 15-19 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kimura (6225750 B1) in view of Huang et al. (5929474).

7. As in claims 4 and 15-19, Kimura is silent as to the specific electronic device as claimed, however said electronic devices are known applications of the OLED display device taught by Kimura. As support Huang et al. discloses an active matrix OLED

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wherein the teaches of its use in small products, especially small portable electronic devices, such as pagers, cellular and portable telephones, two way radios, data banks, etc., column 1 lines 30-45. Wherein it would have been obvious to the skilled artisan at the time of the invention to use the OLED display device of Kimura in portable electronic devices and the like as suggested by Haung, because Haung teaches of said usage is known.

Allowable Subject Matter

8. Claim 7-14 and 20-36 allowed over the prior art of record. Kimura fails to teach of a third transistor, wherein the light emitting element does not emit the light when the third thin film transistor is on.

Conclusion

9. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to David L Lewis whose telephone number is 703 306-3026. The examiner can normally be reached on M, T, TH, F. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Bipin Shalwala can be reached on 703 305-4938. Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 703 305-4700.

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